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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner
Kevin E. Weddington

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Apr 1, 2003
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 37-40 and 51-56 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) 37 and 38 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claims 39, 40, and 51-56 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 6) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restriction

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 39, 40 and 51-56 are drawn to pharmaceutical compositions comprising a compound or a salt thereof which activates a PACAP receptor or antagonizes binding of PACAP to a PACAP receptor, classified in class 514, subclass 229.2.
- II. Claim 54 is drawn to a method for treating neuropathy with compounds or salts thereof which activates a PACAP receptor or antagonizes binding a PACAP to a PACAP receptor, classified in class 514, subclasses 2 and 229.2.
- III. Claim 55 is drawn to a method for treating neuropathy with an effective amount of PACAP agonists, classified in class 514, various subclasses.
- IV. Claim 56 is drawn to a method for treating Alzheimer's disease with an effective amount of PACAP agonists, classified in class 514, various subclasses.

The four inventions are independent and distinct, each from the other as they have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their separate subject matter for inventive effort. Further, a reference which anticipates any one of the above invention would neither anticipate or make obvious of the other inventions. Each such invention is capable of supporting its own patent. For these reasons, the restriction requirement is proper.

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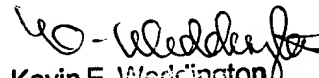
To be complete, applicants' response must include a provisional election even though the requirement may be traverse.

The applicants are required to elect a single invention for examination purposes.

Note the applicants elected Group I (claims 39 and 40), claim 39 depends upon non-elected claim 37 in which claim 37 depends upon cancelled claim 31.

If the applicants elect either Groups III or IV, he may wish to disclose what are the PACAP agonists since the applicants' specification does not disclose them.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner K. Weddington whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.


Kevin E. Weddington
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Art Unit 1614

K. Weddington

July 8, 2003